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Residents Speak Out During Non-Agenda Public Comment About Electric Scooters on the Boardwalks

San Diego— I want to thank all of the residents who came to testify at non-agenda public comment today to inform the City Council about the serious public safety risks associated with electric scooters, particularly on our beach boardwalks. Your firsthand accounts are both alarming and well-documented. I want to wish a speedy recovery to Miss Fellers, who, in spite of being struck by a scooter and hospitalized with several injuries including a concussion and multiple abrasions, came to testify before the Council in a wheelchair.

Last year, I was one of three Councilmembers to vote for a scooter ban on our beach boardwalks. Electric scooters remain a threat to both rider and pedestrian safety, especially during these busy summer months. It's frustrating to hear that our busy lifeguards are addressing crashes and injuries on the boardwalks rather than focusing on protecting and rescuing residents and tourists in the water. In addition, our understaffed and hardworking San Diego Police Department needs to focus its resources on other matters.

The video presented to the Council today showed scooter companies flagrantly disobeying the laws regarding staging and geofencing.

Residents from all over the city and tourists enjoy our beach boardwalks. So that they can do so safely, I continue to call for a ban in these areas.

Council President Pro Tem Barbara Bry represents San Diego City Council District 1, which includes the communities of Carmel Valley, Del Mar Heights, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University City.

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